



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
NEIL Y. IWAMOTO, et al.)
Application No.: 10/017,438)
Filed: December 5, 2001)
For: DEVICE ACCESS BASED)
ON CENTRALIZED)
AUTHENTICATION)
Examiner: Thong H. Vu
Group Art Unit: 2616
March 19, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE
AND
STATEMENT SUMMARIZING INTERVIEWS

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 20, 2007, the period for response to which having been extended to March 20, 2008 by the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time with fee.

STATEMENT SUMMARIZING INTERVIEWS

This summarizes two telephone interviews, a first conducted on February 26, 2008 with Examiner Vu, and a second conducted on March 11, 2008 with Examiner Vu and his Supervisor, Mr. Jay Patel.

The first interview did not result in an agreement.

The second interview resulted in an agreement from the Examiner and his Supervisor that the current rejection fails to provide a consistent one-to-one mapping of each claim element against the disclosure of Takaoka. For example, it was agreed that the Office Action did not identify which devices in Takaoka assumed the roles of the claimed computer, server and peripheral, each of which are distinct devices. It was further agreed that the Office Action did not provide a clear explanation, consistent with the above definitions of computer, server and peripheral, of how Takaoka's "managing information" is transmitted from a server to a computer, and thence transmitted from a computer to a peripheral device.

Both the Examiner and his Supervisor agreed that such a mapping was required for rejections entered under § 102(e). Both agreed that a replacement Office Action would be issued, which contained a consistent one-to-one mapping between each claim element and the disclosure of Takaoka. In addition, both agreed that the replacement Office Action would be non-final.

A replacement Office Action is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California Office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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